



Responsible for Hurricane Harvey



EPA's Response to Hurricane Harvey

HOW IS EPA ASSESSING POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO SUPERFUND SITES?

EPA completed site assessments at all 43 Superfund sites situated by the storm. Of these sites, two (San Jacinto and U.S. Oil Refinery) require additional assessment efforts. Assessment of these sites will take several days to complete.

The San Jacinto Waste Pile site has a temporary armored cap designed to prevent migration of hazardous material. EPA regional manager is onsite and overseeing the assessment. Crews continue to monitor portions of the cap that are submerged. Some areas that have been displaced and their is exposed. The potential responsible party has mobilized heavy equipment and is patching rock on different parts of the armored cap to repair the defensive surface. The crew is in place and focused so we don't have any indication that the underlying waste materials have been exposed. If we find an breach in the exposed liner, we direct the responsible party to collect samples to determine if any materials have been released. Also, EPA has site assets to string the cap and water if needed.

Work to address flood water from the storm have continued at the U.S. Oil Refinery site with more vacuum trucks used to approximately 45,000 gallons of captured flood water being removed and shipped offsite for disposal. No streaks or odor was observed in the overflowing water, and an additional line is being used to maintain equipment to keep captured flood water on site.

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